







## UN's Ban coming for global meet

UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GEN. Ban Ki-moon is coming to Manila for the 2nd Global Forum on Migration and Development in October, Foreign Undersecretary for Migration Affairs Eduardo Cojuangco Jr. said yesterday.

Cojuangco said Ban had indicated his participation as a speaker at the forum

to be hosted by the Philippines. President Macapagal-Arroyo will be the keynote speaker.

Cojuangco said the event would be attended by senior policy makers who are experts in migration and development. They will present their views on the issues of finding migrant workers, speedily settling protection

and requirements for development.

Cojuangco said the Manila forum would build on the Paris Forum, which was held in Brussels in 2007 and focused on the economic benefits arising from migration.

The second forum will focus on the "human face of migration" as well as

social, political and economic issues, he said.

Ban, who was once described by President Arroyo as a "good friend of the Philippines," had been supportive of the country's handling of the issue since the time he was foreign minister of South Korea.

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## RESOLUTION NO. 2008-005

**EXPRESSING FULL CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT TO HER EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SECRETARY ARTHUR YAP IN IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS TO ENSURE FOOD SECURITY AND SUFFICIENCY IN THE COUNTRY**

**WHEREAS**, the League of Provinces of the Philippines and the Governors all over the country attest to the fact that there is no rice shortage contrary to media reports and wrong business speculations;

**WHEREAS**, there is abundant supply of rice and food in the countryside brought about by the efforts of the President and the Department of Agriculture in the past years to ensure abundant supply of rice and food to our people;

**WHEREAS**, the inaccurate perception about rice shortage in the Philippines is nothing but a wrong conclusion brought about by global food shortage in other parts of the world;

**WHEREAS**, the inaccurate picture of rice supply is the effect of unscrupulous practices of the some business groups to profit from selling rice in the market that results to higher prices of products;

**WHEREAS**, the League of Provinces and our Governors will make the necessary measures to correct the inaccurate picture in the media about rice supply and prices;

**WHEREAS**, the League of Provinces of the Philippines and our Governors will continue to cooperate with the President and DA Secretary Arthur Yap in implementing the GMA Rice Project for 2008, fast-track irrigation projects, ensure ample supply of agriculture inputs, work for lower price of fertilizers, pursue training and research development and related technical assistance;

**WHEREAS**, the League of Provinces and our Governors will foster in our respective jurisdiction an environment conducive to agricultural and fishery modernization to ensure our people access to rice and food in the face of impending global food crisis;

**WHEREAS**, the League of Provinces and our Governors affirm the clear vision of the President to build a Philippines that is strong and a nation free from fear and want;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, AS IT IS HERBY RESOLVED THAT THE LEAGUE OF PROVINCES OF THE PHILIPPINES EXPRESSES FULL CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT TO HER EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO AND THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE SECRETARY ARTHUR YAP IN IMPLEMENTING PROGRAMS THAT ENSURE FOOD SECURITY AND SUFFICIENCY IN THE FACE OF AN IMPENDING GLOBAL FOOD SHORTAGE.**

**DONE** this 15th day of April 2008 during the 3rd General Assembly of the League of Provinces of the Philippines held at Manila Hotel, Roxas Boulevard, Manila.

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I am serving in his lower house in Tamil Nadu. I was born and raised in India. For the past 10 years I've been living in South America.

While in the Philippines, I would start my day with a hearty breakfast. I would usually have some meat, because (made in New Zealand), just made in Australia/Thailand (meat) and some like (meat in United States/Thailand (meat)). I am excited to travel for my next new trip in the Philippines.

Compare that to my slender breakfast in India. There I never take upon a breakfast item that we in the States call a *snack*. The point is, *snacks* usually are...for it just puts, leaves or fun—should be *homogenous*.

Just the India, the Philippines

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but a large pool of cheap labor. The government and the people should build their basic needs to produce locally. This will create jobs, save precious foreign exchange and protect the nation from external dependencies and debts. In this case, education and household products. The Philippines must set up new manufacturing factories—with the help of foreign experts if possible—so the country should make sure that the sales and profits are transferred to the Philippines, not merely "unwashed" away.

Another thing I noticed, which was so glaring and obvious to Americans' eyes—most specific, only when he compared the Philippines with America—is the entire Filipino nation's love will remain.

rowing team in their own age of 20, I would lead the nation's premier high national prize. The India is no pace to the Philippines, but we do have tall, strong build-up and stuff but there are gaps inside channels. Indians are not planning all the time about our performance against the nations.

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in terms of the company's revenues in America. The whole Philippines, you spin any local newspaper and almost every day you read it that the United States is bad to America.

Every country has its own culture and way of doing things. There's no surprise that for all similarities, I believe the Philippines are developing and do things in our way. If China can do it as a communist, if India can do it as a socialist, we

Many Indians, just like their Spanish neighbors, have not abandoned their progress. The Philippines has better infrastructure, more than half, arguably more quality of English speakers. Both health care and a vast part of the

I believe that the day the Filipinos wake up and take charge of their situation and take law into its hands, that day when the Philippines will become another "Asian tiger" must be far away.

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**Court's strange, ludicrous logic**

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Because the swimming half does not constitute a majority and cannot do business, the Senate technically dies when the other half leaves out. It lives again after the election of the new U.S. senators. Thus, the need to re-published the Senate rules of "emergency" in order for the "new" Senate to function.

This is a trap. If we follow this line of logic, then the Office of the President should also be abolishing previous presidential inaugurations every time a new president is elected. And let that time not every corporation should have to bow down to Clinton or other previous head executives to receive their funding effect. This is ludicrous.

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## Good governance equals food security

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2. Development and maintenance of a clear charter and budget controls, policies and guidelines in order to really promote accountability. These will mean a big savings (not only in money, but also in time) and effort spent on meeting goals and carrying out the mission.

pull and retraction forces. This may be achieved by cross-increasing special patients and special patient facilities and by appropriate professional use of orthodontic surgery and surgery. All patients involved should be confirmed

4. Food collection should be

ways a top priority and fully funded, the National support should include ample funds for the building and maintenance of more irrigation facilities, small water-improving dams in rice-producing areas, feeder roads, post-harvest facilities, buying societies, training programs, credit facilities and supervised credit and production programs similar to the Mangrove III and Noying-Irrigation programs.

We have noticed as much in local immigration and working practices. It will indeed be a hard and an daunting task to have a national broadband and cyber-learning facilities while we have a shortage of local, uneducated, unqualified teachers, their wages, health insurance and cheap medicines, more than having a health care system than a of poor quality.

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The requirement will last over the night and the government, and it should prevent our country from ending up with more than 100,000 workers and 100,000.

It may be recalled that another Filipino was arrested in London, but last December last, he was released after President Arroyo's efforts previously secured his release before the British Home Office. He is now in Manila, but the British Home Office is still in the process of releasing him.

What is the role of the state in the case of such workers?

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# Jamby: I am not greedy

By: [Name]

"I am not greedy," the senator also said to answer those reports that pictured her as a meddling mother-in-law of her fellow senator's last wife and successor.

MacDiagal claimed that her intention—when she did not come—stayed a professional PH public relations person, not only to do a job on her but also to discount her from going to the courts to get a piece of the late Chikilang's inheritance.

"Someone is making it go in my face like I am the one who is trying to intimidate (and she) like I will not fight for money. I will fight for justice and principle," said MacDiagal.

## A private matter

She refused to say whether she would contest the validity of her son's will.

MacDiagal's decisionality dignified by her report that she accepted her late son's wealth.

"I am not a greedy person," she said.



PHILIPPINES: Senator MacDiagal claims she is distancing herself from her late son's will.

MacDiagal opted to keep silent about the matter since her son passed away because she felt this was a private matter in her son's estate.

## 'Nin interwala'

"I will not give my side until such a point that it becomes a public issue, meaning it goes to the court," she said.

"The issue is deeper than what

people think. The issue is not among the lawyers' very complex. There are a lot of issues that if they become public... but I will want to keep it a family matter. The way out that they are making (this) a public matter."

She questioned the notion of her relatives in coming up with the will of her son since her late son's estate is in court.

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Press Brief, opted that MacDiagal was fighting his own case.

"I would not jeopardize the claim something from that son. The due is not a family claim. It is a family claim. It is a family claim. It is a family claim."

He said MacDiagal could not do anything if she was left out of her son's will.

"In the case of Chikilang, I'm willing to wait without knowing all the facts. If she was married to MacDiagal for years, then only MacDiagal is a forced heir and his contribution is equal to the share of a legitimate child," said MacDiagal.

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QUEST: Caught in Central Park as Trolls are with no legal substance.

# CNN's Quest nabbed in NY over 'shabu'

NEW YORK...A CNN anchor, Quest, was arrested on Friday with a small amount of methamphetamine in his pocket, but avoided jail when he agreed to undergo drug counseling and therapy.

Quest, 46, a British citizen, was arrested around 3:40 a.m. on a count of possession of a controlled substance—a misdemeanor that usually refers to a personal use amount of a drug. He was also charged with having the drug in the park after 1 a.m. when it is officially closed.

Quest told police "I've got some stuff in my pocket" when he was arrested, according to the complaint filed in court. The complaint said he had a plastic sandwich bag containing methamphetamine in a jacket pocket.

Quest is known for his bold

terms and spiky style, especially on CNN International. He hosts "CNN Business Traveler" and "Quest."

At his arraignment in Judge James Criminal Court, Judge Anthony Ferrara said Quest that if the amount he was carrying and the drug designated by prosecutors for the next six months, his case will be dismissed.

The judge allowed Quest to leave court without posting bail. He warned that if Quest failed to comply with the counseling schedule, he could be back in court and his life will be hell.

Quest's lawyer, Adam M. Abramson, said his client "is not really the person he is sometimes. He has a good heart and he has a good heart."

Quest is known for his bold

# Senate 'okays' Jpepa but sets stiff ...

By: [Name]

She said the resolution hinged on the condition that the Jpepa would observe the constitutional provisions on public health, protection of Filipino consumers, ownership of public lands and use of natural resources, ownership of divisible public lands, ownership of private lands, ownership of revenues and income in the Philippines, and protection in the national economy and patrimony in the Philippines.

Approval of foreign investment; protection of public utilities, professional use of Filipino labor and materials; protection of professions; ownership of educational institutions; state regulation of matters of technology; ownership of mass media; and ownership of advertising.

Considered a "new age" law, the Jpepa was signed by President MacDiagal-Arroyo and then signed by Senator MacDiagal-Arroyo in Manila in September 2008.

But before it could be submitted to the Philippine Senate for ratification, a draft objection from environmental groups that its implementation government might pose the way for the entry of hazardous waste from Japan.

## Beyond goods and services

Similar to agreement that Japan already has with Thailand, Malaysia and Singapore, the Jpepa goes beyond the discussion of trade in goods and services.

It includes measures to ensure the smooth movement of people, capital and information, and cover areas like investment and trade facilitation, as well as its operation in science and technology, business resources development and small and medium enterprises and the environment.

## Hares

If the Jpepa is ratified, the treaty will allow Filipino workers and other sectors to work in Japan on the condition that they agree to a "supplemental agreement" along with IT workers and other professionals.

Services said the committee report also included the condition that the Philippines would be the forum for the ratification of the Jpepa provisions that give online advantages to Japan.

These are the following:

• National treatment clause that gives Japanese the same rights accorded to Filipinos.

• The most-favored-nation clause that requires the Philippines to extend to Japan any preferential treatment it gives to other nations.

• The lifting of the performance requirement clause that would be imposed on Japanese investments in the country a certain level of domestic content, a preference for goods or services produced in the Philippines and the lifting of a minimum level of Filipino workforce.

Should the Senate accept the committee's recommendations, it will be a first time in history that the chamber will accept "conditional" concurrence to a treaty, according to hearings.

## Amending the treaty

"We are in effect amending the treaty" due to the ratification of the Jpepa treaty, said the committee. "The treaty has a lot of disadvantages... We're trying very hard to correct it," she said.

In a statement, MacDiagal said the basis for the Jpepa was that the advantages were in favor of Japan but not necessarily for the Philippines.

She said the treaty negotiated by Philip-



ACTIVISTS carrying a protest banner painted with slogans against the Japan-Philippines Economic Partnership Agreement (Jpepa) protest near the Senate on Monday.

pine representatives "failed to include provisions that Japan has already incorporated to Thailand, Malaysia and Indonesia."

"We just want equal treatment," she said.

## Sixteen votes to ratify

Under Senate rules, the committee report must be approved by a majority or 11 members of the combined 26 members of the Senate foreign relations committee and of the committee on trade and industry headed by Sen. Manuel Benito II.

Then the treaty requires a two-thirds vote or 18 votes by the 23-member Senate.

"It was a highly technical and extensive treaty," said Benito, who is set to deliver his sponsorship speech on April 28.

## Supplemental agreement

Under the terms of conditional concurrence, Foreign Secretary Albert Romualdo said in a "supplemental agreement" with the Japanese ambassador containing the conditions added for by the Sen.

MacDiagal said the supplemental agreement might take the form of a change of notes.

If Japan refuses to agree to a supplemental agreement "there will be no 2008 Jpepa, but the two countries will likely negotiate a 2009 Jpepa or later," she said.

## Absolutes necessity

MacDiagal said the conditions for ratification laid out by the Senate were an "absolute necessity." Otherwise, she said, the Japanese Government would declare the Jpepa unconstitutional.

However, "if the Supreme Court declares Jpepa to be unconstitutional, in that instance, the Philippines would still be liable in damages to Japan for suspension of treaty obligations," she said.

## 2nd largest trading partner

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## Court-martial ordered for 'fee-charging' general

By Ronan Pags

FOR ALLEGEDLY EXTORTING MONEY FROM recruits who wanted so badly to join the Philippine Army but were afraid they could not pass the tests, a general and his subordinate will face a general court-martial, the Army said yesterday.

Army spokesperson Col. Ernesto Torres said a general investigation panel found sufficient evidence to send the case against Maj. Gen. Juan Barbuco and Staff Sgt. Rosendo Tiquera.

before a military court.

Barbuco will be the second two-star general in the military to face court-martial in recent years. In November 2006, a court-martial found Brig. Gen.

Carlos Garcia guilty of violating Article of War for amassing P300 million illegally.

Garcia served as military commander from 2005 to 2006. He is facing plunder and perform charges in the Sandiganbayan. Barbuco will be charged with violation of Article of War 96 on Conduct Unbecoming an Officer and a Gentleman, Article of War 97 on Conduct Unbecoming a Soldier and Military Officer, and Article of War 98 on Offense against the Unlawful Detention, Torres said.

Barbuco will be charged with violation of Article of War 97 and 98, but not Article 96 which is applicable only to officers.

"Based on the facts and advice submitted by the army chief of staff Lt. Gen. Alexander Tirona, I have concurred with the recommendation of the general investigation panel that there is prima facie evidence to warrant the filing of charges," Torres said in a statement yesterday.

The charges against Barbuco and Tiquera stemmed from al-

legations they received money from applicants who wanted to enlist in the Army during the time Barbuco was commander of the 4th Infantry Division based in Cagayan de Oro City.

"These illegal actions were carried out allegedly with intent to deprive the recruiting army public and regulation governing recruitment and the recruitment of soldiers in exchange for financial gain," Torres said.

Barbuco went on leave in his military during the investigation into the allegations. He was

ordered the following month after he was suspended by the Commandant.

Tirona said Torres was best on pursuing the case to its conclusion as part of his efforts to implement reforms in the armed forces.

He did not hint as to the nature of the court-martial proceedings against Barbuco and Tiquera.

Barbuco was a commander of outgoing Armed Forces of the Philippines Chief of Staff Gen. Hermogenes Evaristo Jr. in Philippine Military Academy "Manoaga" Class of 1974.

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# Why Edsa traffic is still on slowdown mode

## MMDA says it's because of more accidents, ongoing work and the heat!

By Elio G. Diopurol

HERE'S AN INTERESTING theory on why traffic on Edsa is returning to a slow crawl these days.

According to the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority, the hot competition on the major thoroughfare means higher travel speed. And a high travel speed equals more accidents, thus leading to more congestion.

It's a vicious cycle, the MMDA said as it sought to find an explanation for the recent gridlock on Edsa despite its much heralded program to smooth out its lanes or vehicles that operate with no friction.

"When traffic speeds up, it causes more accidents. And accidents cause traffic to slow down," said Roberto Ingueta, executive director for enforcement of the MMDA Traffic Operations Center (TDC).

Consider these figures: from April 10 to 16, a total of 13 car accidents were recorded on the 42-kilometer highway while there were 46 cases of stalled vehicles, Ingueta said.

"That's high," the official commented although he admitted he had no comparative figures for the same period in past years.

Ingueta said the spike in the number of accidents on Edsa came on the heels of the agency's program against alienation from stalls reportedly led to an increase in average travel speeds on the discongested.

The MMDA further boasted that since its introduction on all seven lanes, average travel speed on Edsa rose from 22 to 23 kilometers per hour to 40 to 65 kph.

On the other hand, MMDA TDC Executive Director Angelito Vergel de Dios offered other explanations for the traffic slowdown.

"We're experiencing slow loading areas in some off-ramps,"

points on both lanes of Edsa as some lanes are not possible to maintain," he said.

Vergel de Dios added that he expected the traffic situation to return to normal once work on

all the loading bays is over, particularly those on Guadalupe, Delgado, Lapda and C&E Project Areas.

He said another explanation was the construction of the elevated

freeway on C-5 Highway, that has resulted in more accidents involving on Edsa rather than C-5.

And if all these explanations are correct, Ingueta became

more than willing to blame for the road gridlockdown.

"Given the summer, vehicles often overheat so we have more cases of stalled vehicles. Every body is affected," he said.



F&B photo of the usually busy thoroughfare of Edsa on a slow day.

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# Threat of deep well over extraction bared

By Amy R. Reyes

THE NATIONAL WATER RESEARCH Board yesterday warned the public against excessive deep well extraction that has largely contributed to "land subsidence" in the making of the land.

In a statement, the NWRB said it has issued a regulation banning the over extraction of water from deep wells in Metro Manila and all the cities of Region IV.

The regulation, an annual report of the National Water Research Board, was to be used after the groundwater conditions in the area spots was declared "seriously critical."

**Regulation**

The regulation only bans deep well extraction to areas found to have critical groundwater levels. These are Cagayan, Bataan, Marikina and Iloilo, among others. In addition, Cebu, Zamboanga, Davao, Iloilo, Marikina and Davao are also included.

"Studies show that a growing percentage of people living in Metro Manila continue to use water from groundwater

sources, the increase of which will lead to disaster in the long run," NWRB Executive Director Nelson Salgado said.

In addition, the evidence of a "sinking Manila" was discovered by the National Mapping and Research Information Authority which pointed to an abrupt change in the sea level in the southern part of the metropolis.

**Sea level**

The NWRB said the sea level was rising at a rate of two to three millimeters a year, according to a survey of Manila's coastal waters.

Salgado explained that the sinking of the land is mostly caused by the excessive pumping of groundwater that could also lead to damage or the destruction of infrastructure such as wells, buildings, bridges and highways due to sudden changes in land elevation.

The NWRB noted that fresh water also tends to migrate to the Cagayan, Marikina, Pasig and Valenzuela (COMARPA) area, part of the adverse effects of the unregulated pumping of groundwater water.

Other areas in Metro Manila are also similarly affected, it added.

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# Carter: Hamas will conditionally accept peace



Hamas militants greet the funeral of their fighter in Gaza on April 20.

**IRISHALEM**—Former U.S. President Jimmy Carter said on Monday that Hamas leaders told him they would accept a peace agreement negotiated by Israeli officials, Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, or Palestinian opposition leader Fatah.

"They said they would accept a Palestinian state on the 1967 borders if approved by Palestinians," Carter said. "Hamas might disagree with some terms of the agreement," Carter said in a speech, after talks in Berlin and Egypt with Hamas leaders.

"It means that Hamas will not use violence against others to report an agreement and Hamas will accept an agreement if the Palestinians support it to allow war," he said.

Hamas said it is actively taking control of the Gaza Strip in June from mil-

itary Israeli forces—prompting talks to end a Hamas-led government—that he was not authorized to talk peace with Israel on behalf of the Palestinians.

Carter and Hamas leader Khaled Mchaleh met in Jerusalem on Friday and Sunday here on the 10th day, Carter said. Hamas and the PLO, which he said was a peace plan and drop its opposition to Israel's incursions with the Jewish state.

Carter said that including Hamas "is not working," citing on-going violence along Israel's border with the Gaza Strip.

Hamas has rejected Western calls to withdraw Israel, renounce violence and accept unilateral Israeli-Palestinian peace deals.

Carter said that Hamas refused to be prepared for a 30-day unilateral cease-

fire with Israel. He said Hamas did not even intend to respond to such a demand.

Carter's willingness to meet officials from Hamas has drawn criticism from Israel and the United States, which both regard it as a provocative move.

"We believe that the problem is not that I met Hamas in secret," Carter said in his address. "The problem is that Israel and the United States have not met with these people, who must be included."

Even the weekend, Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said he did not see any way that Carter is heard because he does not wish to be seen as participating in any negotiations with Hamas. In his comments Monday, Carter said Israeli-Palestinian peacekeeping has "regressed" since a US-backed Mideast conference in Annapolis, Maryland, in November.

The aim and Hamas has promised to let a proposed Israeli military withdrawal to 1967 borders, and said the military "made clear to us that they would accept an interim agreement in the Gaza Strip."

He said "there's no doubt that both the Arab world and the Palestinian, including Hamas, will accept Israeli rights to live in peace within 1967 borders."

Olmert captured the West Bank and the Gaza Strip in the 1967 Mideast War over 30 years ago to establish a Palestinian state in both areas under a peace deal. The United States hopes for a deal, but has not been able to get it. It is troubled by the threat of the Israel. Israel pulled troops and an order out of the Gaza Strip in 2005 but retains control of the territory's borders and has tightened its restrictions on the passage of movement and goods since Hamas' takeover. Reuters

## Most of Afghanistan secure by 2011, says Nato leader

**KARL, AFGHANISTAN**—The Afghan army and police forces should be able to secure most of Afghanistan by 2011, allowing international forces to start withdrawing, the American commander of the Nato-led forces in Afghanistan, Gen. Dan B. McNeill, said on Sunday.

"By about 2011, there is going to be some pretty good capacity in the Afghan National Army," he said in an interview to the Kabul headquarters of the International Security Assistance Force.

"It will take them a few more years to get their air transport and air support platforms in line, but they should be covering a lot of the ground by then," he said in a 2011 interview.

By then, having air support, the coalition's counter-terror efforts in the international force could look at whether such a large international force was still desirable, he said. "I think you begin to get to a point where you're probably not needed as much as you are now," he said.

The army has been important in the discussion about Nato's role in the region. Some members of

Nato, which has taken over much of the security for the country, have been reluctant to send troops, or to allow their troops to operate in areas where the insurgency is active.

A number of foreign troops would still be necessary to help the Afghan army for several years of 2011, he said. But he added that the US-led coalition forces, which include 41,000 troops from 40 countries, would be better trained the longer the security assistance force, in cooperation with its indigenous role with Afghan forces can take over.

McNeill, who will complete his second tour in Afghanistan this summer, has commanded American forces from 2002 to 2003—and said Afghan forces had already effectively been managing the security for Kabul, the capital, for the last year, at least with Nato support. He also expressed confidence that the Afghan military would be able to secure the country well enough for the necessary to build presidential elections in September 2009.

His appraisal of the security situation and the state of the Afghan insurgency does not appear to have changed in recent months. AP

## Only 35 percent of Afghan students are girls

**KARL, AFGHANISTAN**—Only 35 percent of the students in Afghanistan's schools are girls, and while overall enrollment is increasing, the percentage of girls is still low, a UN report said Monday.

A UN report of female teachers, a number of boys-only schools and cultural barriers are factors keeping girls out of school, the report said.

"The education of girls is particularly important, as parents are reluctant to have teenage girls being taught by a male teacher," the report said.

As a result, "despite an overall increase in numbers of enrolled children, the percentage of female students is not increasing," it said.

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Care said more than a third of the country's 9,000 schools are exclusively for boys. It said 28 percent of Afghan students are female, with most working in cultural centers.

"This inhibits girls' participation in education, as parents are reluctant to have teenage girls being taught by a male teacher," Care said in a statement.

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**TIMELESS DANCE** A student performs a dance move during a performance at the 2009 "Dance Lovers" festival in Amsterdam on April 20.

## Netherlands plans to shift cannabis-selling coffeeshops

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## Clinton defiant as pundits predict demise

**NEW YORK**—Hillary Clinton said Monday that she would not step down as secretary of state, despite predictions that she would be replaced by Barack Obama.

"I am not going to step down," Clinton said in a statement. "I am committed to the job and to the president."

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CLINTON's daughter is a high school senior in New York, on April 20.































# LIFESTYLE

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## How to manage your anger

Nothing or no one can ever hurt you; it's only you who can

By Margie C. Enriquez  
Contributor

WHEN NANCY RETURNED from a business trip, her partner Joseph confessed he'd slept with some women in her three-week absence. Fuming, she punched him in the stomach. It didn't change his behavior. In fact, it got worse. Joseph had his affairs hidden and chased women half the time.

He would be harsh on his own each time the child misbehaved or failed to follow instructions. He treated her in terms of "obedience" was obvious.

He didn't realize that the boy had become emotionally inseparable. The boy resented his suppressed pain by joining bad company and indulging in vice.

"His dinner dishes yellowed and heated up before he ate, and he'd be crying at his school, believing that anger would soothe the pain. The atmosphere was always tense, and the people could not work creatively."

It was time to let all his wrath due to his investments and hard work. He could not pay his bills. One day a friend dropped by the businessman's house which had been empty. There was a note on the table that said, "I may have lost everything, but not my self respect," he said.

"There are all real situations that made people angry, and how they reacted to them."

Anger is quite complex. It has many causes such as eating, drinking, going, crying, emotional imbalance, manipulation, loss, a matter of control. Anger is actually anger from frustration to rage. Anger could have serious consequences.

In the last example, however, while the businessman could have graduated his work after losing everything, he, instead, understood the loss of living. Nothing or no one can ever hurt you, you alone hurt yourself.

### Losing awareness

British author, life coach, lecturer and consultant Mike George writes in his book "Don't Get Mad, Get Wise": "Anger is a sign that you have lost the awareness of the self of 'Who am I', and that something is blocking your access to the power of your heart."

"But anger is a natural, biological and physiological response that's your human survival (capable of) or learned behavior, anger is a misconception."

"From a spiritual point of view, anger is never healthy, natural or useful," he says. "Anger destroys the ability to create meaningful relationships and consistently good work."

Anger starts from you desperately trying to change someone or something without success. You then project your anger to others, creating through anger.

Instead of coming to terms with your emotions, you delude yourself by finding an option and exercising someone or a situation. In other words, you attack others, not

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### Interschool dance competition

**FUTSAL** IN 2008, THE HIGHLY-  
praised international tournament,  
takes to the courts on May 1 as the kick-  
off for the year's African Futsal competi-  
tion. The event is organized by **Mali**  
**Sportives de Conscience**.

School groups in the high-school and college levels will take part during hours currently enjoying all play or commercial radio stations.

Judging will be based on: originality and presentation, 30 percent; science and entertainment, 30 percent; time and length, 20 percent; audience, 10 percent.

Grand prizes is \$70,000, with \$15,000 for the second-place and \$5,000 each as consolation prizes for those landing in the third-10th places. Winning teacher will also get entrance to bring home trophies. All activities will be held on front of the Allen Theater on Sixth Street at the ECF Complex. Snowtime is 7:00.

### Home appliance design tilt

Electrolux, a global leader in home appliances and appliances for professional use, invites students in design studios around the world to create tomorrow's home appliances for the industrial generation via the Electrolux Design Lab 2008.

Entries must be submitted by May 30 via [www.lifescience.ligo.org](http://www.lifescience.ligo.org). A limited number of finalists will be chosen by the end of June and invited to Zurich to make a final presentation on July 10-11.

Design Lab 2008 offers a first prize of \$200,000 plus a six-month fellowship at one of America's top design centers. The second prize is \$100,000 and the third prize \$50,000. An international jury will judge the entries based on creative design, innovation and consumer insight.

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### Weddings at Renaissance

An all-day/night wedding reception and a wedding package are available to the bride/bridegroom. Menu selections are offered for breakfast, lunch, dinner and cocktails for sit-down or buffet.

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**EXCELLENCE IN ECOLOGY AND ECONOMY**

The Philippine Chamber of Commerce-Industry (PCCI) awarded Pata-Pata River its 2010 PCCI E-Award (Excellence in Ecology and Economy), medium enterprise category, at the 33rd Philippine Business Conference recently held at Manila Hotel. Photo shows President Arroyo congratulating Charlie Uy, Pata-Pata River, mayor and president, while Donald Dico, PCCI chair, on the right. Dico, conference chair and Trade Sec. Peter Pataño look on.



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Through an illustrated questionnaire, 104 respondents are reported to be the country's leading retail companies, most of which have begun to focus on the food category, whereas the retail FMCG is a relatively long-established category, dominated by Unilever.

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The GSA TRISTAR program offers participating contractors a significant benefit in the form of accelerated payment. "Design-build is the only type of project in which the contractor is able to collect payment from the government before the building starts to be constructed," said a GSA TRISTAR program manager. "This is a significant benefit for the contractor, as it allows them to receive payment for their work before the building is completed." The program is available to all GSA TRISTAR program participants, and is a key component of the program's success.

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IBM Superscaler joins IBM's other offerings "WebSphere," "zSeries" and "System z" to form a new line of mainframe computers, and together IBM's 100,000 zSeries, its 100,000 WebSphere and its 100,000 System z computers will be running 100,000 "Third Parties." In fact, it's clear that IBM is in the business of "Third Parties."

The program will include research, field investigations, and on-site assistance in developing countries. The IAEA will also participate in the education of personnel responsible for the implementation of the program.

"We think it's really difficult to [blame] because the only way to achieve development for all is to offer people employment opportunities and lifting income," said Yu.

In a period report, UNICEF said the World Health Organization (WHO) says that more than one billion people, more than 70% of them, are still without improved drinking water supply, while almost half, approximately one-third, lack adequate sanitation.

<sup>1</sup>Wilson said nothing was necessary other than to say that "there's no discussion and no doubt," and "I can't live in a 17th-century Sunday Schoolhouse."

The Williamson County is proud to have utilized an equity program to establish access to these thinking tools and efforts were directed towards the greater community to make it available to the greatest number of students. Other departments in the district believe in equity as well.

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Biography in 1988-89's *Entrepreneur* (interviewing 40 authors/clients). And over the course of 12 biographical essays, covering around 1,000 biographical authors.

TABLE 10.3: Average characteristics of companies in the top group, other public sector companies and different sectors of society with reference to the average difference of the observations

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**CONCEPTS SUDOKU**  
By David Clarke

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7	1	9	2		6	4	8	
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	5	7	8					
					4	3	1	6

Answer to previous puzzle:

6	3	0	1	8	7	4
8	7	9	4	6	3	1
4	5	1	2	7	6	9
8	4	7	5	2	1	3
5	1	8	6	3	2	4
7	3	2	1	4	9	6
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